Chapter 11: The Last Resort

LAST RESORT

WOWZA !!!!!!!

KA-CHING

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CHECK OUT ALL THESE COOL GAMES!!!!!

IF WE STAY HERE LONG ENOUGH, I BET WE COULD WIN IT BIG!!!

DON'T THESE MACHINES JUST MAKE YOU WANNA PLAY HERE FOREVER!?!?

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OH, RIGHT! BUT FIRST...

WE GOTTA LOOK FOR HERO AND AUBREY!

SQUEEZE

WHERE SHOULD WE START LOOKING FIRST?

OMORI...

OMORI!

YOU'RE LOOKING KINDA OUT OF IT...

YOU FEELIN' ALRIGHT, BUDDY?

YOU WERE OUT COLD FOR A PRETTY LONG TIME, SO...

IS IT A STOMACH ACHE?! OR MAYBE YOU HAVE TO PEE?!?!

MAYBE, WE SHOULD GO LOOK FOR A BATHROOM-

THUMP

WHO THE HECK-

HEY, WHAT GIVES?!

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SHATTER

WHAT ARE YOU DOING OUTSIDE THE FOREST?

SHAR-LEEN?!

DROPPED ANOTHER SET OF PLATES, DIDYA?!

H-HEY, HOLD ON A SEC-

FUMBLE ONE MORE TIME AND I'LL HAVETA SEND YOU TO SWEET-HEART'S DUNGEON !!

WHAT ON EARTH ARE WE GONNA DO WITH YOU, KID?!

...AND THIS IS NO FRIEND OF YOURS, BUT A LOYAL LAST RESORT CASINO EMPLOYEE.

THAT'S GATOR GUY TO YOU.

THAT'S OUR FRIEND YOU'RE BULLYING!

QUIT IT, ALLIGATOR MAN!!!!

ISN'T THAT, RIGHT?

YOU MUST HAVE HER MIXED UP WITH SOMEONE ELSE.

TRUDGE

NOW, GET BACK TO WORK!!

LIKE SOMETHING HAD TAKEN CONTROL OF HER...

THERE WAS SOMETHING WEIRD ABOUT SHARLEEN, WASN'T THERE?

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THERE'S MORE FRIENDS FROM THE FOREST PLAY-GROUND WORKING HERE!!

POINT

WHAT'S THAT BAND THEY'RE WEARING?

AND THEY'RE ACTING THE SAME WEIRD WAY AS SHARLEEN!

DON'T YOU BEAT AROUND THE BUSH WITH ME!!!

WAIT... THATS-

IS IT JUST ME...

...OR ARE ALL THE STAFF HERE IN A WEIRD FUNK?

LET GO OF MY FRIENDS THIS INSTANT!

I KNOW THEY'RE IN HERE!!

MARI?!

YO, MARI!

OH...!

FOUND YOU! *HEHE~!*

MORE LIKE, WE FOUND YOU!

WERE YOU TWO LOOKING FOR ME? YOU KNOW YOU DON'T HAVE TO DO THAT, SILLY!

YEAH... WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE, MARI? YOU ALMOST NEVER LEAVE YOUR PICNIC BLANKET-

HEY, UH...

AIN'T YOU JUST SOME CLAMLESS KIDS?

YOU SHOULD KNOW THIS ESTABLISHMENT IS FOR WELL-PAYING CUSTOM-ERS ONLY.

AHH...!

THUMP

PLEASE... THEY ARE BOTH VERY PRECIOUS TO ME AND-

BUT TWO OF OUR FRIENDS ARE STILL MISSING!

I DON'T GET PAID ENOUGH FOR THIS, LADY.

W-WAIT!

JUST SCRAM AND LET THE ADULTS WORK OUR MISERABLE JOBS.

MARI!!

DON'T WORRY... I GOTCHA!

GAH! I'M NOT WASTING ANYMORE TIME ON YOU LITTLE PRICKS.

SHE'S THE ONE WHO WALKED INTO ME!!

ALLIGATOR MAN... HOW COULD YOU...?

WSH

DRIP

WHAT THE-

YOU...!

KICK

WHY YOU ...!!!

KSSH

BLAM

CHK

MISSING SFX

S-STOP!

...!

...

STAB

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OMORI!

YANK

WE'RE FINE!! MARI IS FINE !!!!!

CALM DOWN, OMORI !!!

EVERYTHING IS GOING TO BE OKAY...

OMORI.

SWIP

YOU WERE ONLY TRYING TO PROTECT YOUR BIG SISTER, WEREN'T YOU?

YOU CAN CALM DOWN NOW... LOOK! I'M NOT HURT AT ALL!

LOOKS LIKE THEY CALLED IN BACKUP...

YIKES!!!

STAY RIGHT WHERE YOU ARE, YOU RASCALS !!!!!

LET'S MAKE A RUN FOR SOMEWHERE SAFE!!!

THEY AMBUSHED US WHEN WE WENT LOOKING FOR YOU AND OMORI...

YEAH, THEY DID...

SO THOSE GATOR GUYS TOOK AWAY HERO AND AUBREY?!?!

BUT HERO WAS ABLE TO CONVINCE THEM TO LET ME GO.

THE GATOR GUYS ALMOST TOOK ME AWAY TOO...

...THEY WERE HEADED FOR THE BOSS'S TOWER.

I THINK...

I WONDER WHERE HERO AND AUBREY COULD BE NOW...?

SO THAT'S WHY YOU WERE YELLING AT THAT ALLIGATOR MAN...

AND HE FORCES EVERYONE TO WORK FOR HIM BY HAVING THEM SIGN PHONY CONTRACTS...

THEY SAY HE'S A CRUEL BUSINESS TYCOON WITH NO MORALS...

APPARENTLY, THE BIG BOSS IS ON THE TOP FLOOR, SO THERE'S HEAVIER SECURITY AS YOU GO UP THE BUILDING.

THAT'S ALL THE INTEL I COULD GATHER, I'M AFRAID.

I WISH I COULD HELP MORE, BUT MY KNEE IS...

NO WAY...

I HEARD SOME OF THE EMPLOYEES SAYING HE DOESN'T EVEN ALLOW POTTY BREAKS!

HEY, MARI.

NOD

IN THAT CASE...

...THEN WE CAN SAVE AUBREY AND HERO AND SHARLEEN AND EVERYONE ELSE, RIGHT?

IF WE CAN TAKE THAT BIG, BAD BOSS DOWN...

...JUST LEAVE EVERYTHING TO US!!!

CLNCH

WILL YOU TWO BE ALRIGHT ON YOUR OWN?

KEL... OMORI...

WE'LL SAVE HERO, AUBREY, AND ALL OUR FRIENDS FROM THIS ROTTEN PLACE!!

YOU BET!!!

YOU CAN BELIEVE IN US, MARI!!!

DON'T YOU WORRY ABOUT NOTHING!!!!

PROMISE ME YOU'LL BE CAREFUL!

GOTCHA!

PAT

SUCH GOOD BOYS...

COME ON, OMORI! LET'S RACE TO THE ELEVATOR!!

LAST ONE THERE'S A ROTTEN EGG!!!!

MAN... THE ELEVATORS JUST HAD TO BE OUT OF ORDER, HUH?

THAT VOICE!!!

IT SOUNDED LIKE AUBREY!!

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OH, COME OOON !!

HOW AM I ALREADY RUNNING OUT OF BREATH? AT THIS POINT, I'LL BE GASPING FOR AIR JUST LIKE HERO...

AUBREY...? IS THAT YOU?

WHYYYY YOUUUUU !!!!!!!!

WHY-YY?!

IT'S COMING FROM THAT ROOM OVER THERE.

GET YOUR CRAP TOGETHER... OR ELSE !!!!!

DONTCHA KNOW WE ALL GOT OUR OWN JOBS TO WORRY ABOUT ?!?!

THIS IS MY LAST WARNING ...

SHE'D WORK US TO THE BONE IF WE SHE WAS IN CHARGE OF US...

UHHHHH... IS SHE THE SHIFT MANAGER...?

IF YOU CAN'T HANDLE IT... THAT JUST MAKES ALL THE MORE WORK FOR ME!!!

HEY, AUBREY!

LET'S SEE IF WE CAN SNAP HER OUT OF IT.

AUBREY SEEMS EVEN MORE SCARY THAN HER USUAL SELF THOUGH...

SWISH

AU...

AUBREY ...?

WH- WHERE'D YOU GET A BASEBALL BAT?

WHO THE HELL ARE YOU?!

DANGIT... I DON'T HAVE TIME FOR THIS.

CAN'T YOU SEE HOW BUSY I AM?!

SNAP OUT OF IT, AUBREY! THIS ISN'T WHO YOU ARE!

WE GOTTA HELP EVERY-ONE ESCAPE FROM THIS ROTTEN CASINO!!!

ZIP IT, NERD!!!

I'M THE ONE WHO NEEDS HELP RIGHT NOW!

IT'S SO UNFAIR... ALL THE DIRTY WORK GETS PUSHED TO ME...!

WHY DOESN'T ANYONE SEE HOW SWAMPED I AM...?!

EVEN THOUGH I'M ALREADY TRYING...

...THE BEST I CAN...!

AUBREY.

TK-WACK

I'LL SHOW YOU MEDICINE-

M-MEDICINE?!

JUST SOME GOOD OL' FASHION MEDICINE!!!

WHAT WAS THAT?!

OWWW-WW!!!

GET A HOLD OF YOURSELF!!!

...TO SAVE EVERYONE HERE... SHARLEEN, HERO...

LISTEN... ME AND OMORI MADE A PROMISE WITH MARI...

ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS LEAVE THIS CRUMMY JOB BEHIND!!!!!

...AND THAT MEANS YOU TOO, AUBREY.

THUNK

STOP BEING STUB-BORN !!!!

UGH!!!

BUT I STILL HAVE TASKS TO FINISH...

KLIK-

WHY DO YOU ALWAYS GOTTA BE SO HARD-HEADED?

THERE. BACK TO NORMAL YET?

THUD

GEEZ...

...IN A WORSE WAY IN MY WHOLE LIFE!

UGH... I'VE NEVER BEEN WOKEN UP...

OOO

POKE

WHAT CHOICE DID I EVEN HAVE WITH HOW YOU WERE ACTING?!

HITTING A GIRL NOT ONLY ONCE... BUT TWICE!!

YOU ARE THE WORST, KEL!

YO! WELCOME BACK!!

OH, OMORI...!

PAT

UGH... WHATEVER.

...

YOU MUST BE HERE TO SAVE ME! THANK YOU! *HEHE~!*

SO...

YEP... I THINK SO...

...YOU AND THE REST OF THEM WERE BEING CONTROLLED BY THIS BAND?

I'M SURE THEY PUT ONE ON HERO TOO...

THEY MUST BE MAKING HIM WORK SUPER OVERTIME HOURS WITH NO BREAKS LIKE THEY DID TO ME...

SHUDDER

IT MAKES YOU KEEP WORKING, NO MATTER HOW HARD IT GETS...

WHEN I HAD IT ON, IT FELT LIKE I NO CHOICE BUT TO DO MY JOB.

WE GOTTA FIND HIM RIGHT NOW!!

DON'T MOVE A MUSCLE !!

HERO IS ALREADY HARD-WORKING TO BEGIN WITH. HE MIGHT WORK HIMSELF TO DEATH!!

THAT'S NOT GOOD...

WE FINALLY GOT YOU KIDS CORNERED.

KLAK

IT'S THOSE ALLIGATOR MEN AGAIN!!

THE BOSS'S AGENTS...

WE'VE HAD ENOUGH OF YOU CAUSING A RUCKUS AROUND HERE.

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LET'S SHOW THEM WHAT'S WHAT...

OMORI!

YOU THINK YOU CAN TELL US WHAT TO DO?!

WE WON'T LET YOU ESCAPE!!!

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FWIK

LET'S GO!

OMORI

IF WE USE THE V.I.P. ELEVATOR, IT SHOULD TAKE US STRAIGHT TO THE TOP FLOOR!

WOAH!! V.I.P.?!?! THAT'S AWESOME!!!

WE CAN CELEBRATE LATER...

WHOOPEE!! THE OMORI-AUBREY TAG TEAM IS BACK!

GSHK

...GOING UP!!!

LET'S HURRY!

GLAKK

GSH

DANG IT... THEY'RE SMARTER THAN I THOUGHT!!

DON'T THINK YOU CAN GET AWAY SO EASILY!!!

GSSHHK

WHAT THE-

GSH

GK

OMORI! HOLD THE OTHER SIDE!

GSSHK

...THE DOOR'S ALMOST OPEN!!

GSH

OUT OF MY WAY!!!

WHACK

IN-
INCREDIBLE
...

IT WAS
NOTHING!

THAT
SHOULD
DO IT!!!

CLANG

TING

YOU
BET!!

AFTER ALL...
WE HAVE TO
SAVE EVERY-
ONE, RIGHT?

WHRR

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...THE DOOR
OPENED ON
IT'S OWN?
WELL, WHAT-
EVER.

HERO-OOOO!!

BAM

GIVE HERO BACK TO US!

HEY, I REC-OGNIZE THESE KIDS!

THEY'RE THE ONES CAUSING A COMMOTION IN THE CASINO!

WHAT THE-?!

WHO ARE THESE GUYS?!

GET AWAY FROM ME!!

WHAT HAVE YOU DONE WITH HERO?!

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PUSH

LET'S SICK 'EM!!!!

RELEASE MY BIG BRO NOW!!!

OH? WHAT'S ALL THIS...?

HERO...?

NOT QUITE...

HERO!

HEY... THAT'S...

SOME FAMILIAR FACES, I SEE.

I INSIST... PLEASE CALL ME...

..."BOSSMAN HERO".

CEO HERO

B...

BOSS-MAN?!